



# Frome Valley First School News Weekly

*"Together, with God's love, we learn, nurture and grow,  
without limits."*



## Star of the Week

**Congratulations to the following children who are the:**

### **'Stars of the Week'**

Reception Class: Darcie

Year 1: Alex

Year 2: Thomas M

Year 3: Austin

Year 4: Poppy



## Parent Drop In – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January

This term's parent drop in takes place this **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. This is when you are able to drop in and look at your child's work and let them show you their classroom. If you would then like to speak to the teacher, just let the teacher know.

If the teacher needs to speak to you, she will also come over and speak to you. Please remember that if you wish to speak to your child's teacher for longer than a few minutes then we are happy to arrange a separate time.

For drop-ins, there is an early morning session from **8.15 - 8.40am** and an afternoon session from **2.15 - 3pm**. You can drop in at any time during this session and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Year 4 – DASP Singing Festival

We have been advised that the date of the Year 4 concert will be changing from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. As soon as we have the new date, we will advise parents and send home full details.

## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, with celebrations and learning based around the theme **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**

### Lunar New Year

Year 3 had a visit from the Wisdom Foundation on Friday who taught them about the Lunar New Year. They have very kindly given each child in school a fortune cookie.

The list of ingredients are in the picture below:



### Planned Industrial Action

You will likely be aware that members of the Education union (the NEU) have voted in favour of strike action. Action is planned to take place on the following days which *may* affect the school:

- **1 February**
- **14 February**
- **28 February**
- **15 and 16 March**

This is the result of a national pay dispute between Education Unions and the Government – it is not due to any actions taken by the school, and it is a matter for the Unions and the Government to resolve independently of the school.

We are writing to ensure you have sufficient notice of what this may mean for your child's attendance on those dates. **The school may be partially open or may be completely open.** The school will undertake a health and safety risk assessment to determine if we need to partially close on these dates. Should the school need to restrict attendance, attendance will be prioritised for:

- *vulnerable pupils*
- *the children of critical workers*

We would also provide work to be completed at home where possible.

While we are doing all that we can to minimise disruption, we advise you to begin considering alternative childcare arrangements, where needed, for these dates.

We apologise for the inconvenience this may mean to you and your child's education, and we hope the dispute can be resolved as soon as possible.

The school is maintaining dialogue with union representatives to understand the exact impact the strikes will have (*if any*) and **we will keep you up-to-date with any arrangements as soon as we can.**

**Year 4 – Class Assembly – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Year 4 are leading a class assembly on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, which Year 4 parents and relatives are invited to. The assembly starts at 9am and will last approximately 20 minutes.

**INSET Day – Half Term**

A reminder that we have **an INSET day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** before half term the following week. Children will return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

**Nut Free School Lunches and Snacks**

A reminder to everyone that we are a nut free school. Please ensure that all lunches, snacks and drinks do not contain nuts. Thank you for your help